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<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
4,054,911	Fletcher et al.	Oct 18, 1977
4,623,920	Dufresne et al.	Nov 18, 1986
4,710,955	Kauffman	Dec 01, 1987
4,712,239	Frezza et al.	Nov 08, 1987
5,003,591	Kauffman et al.	Mar 26, 1991

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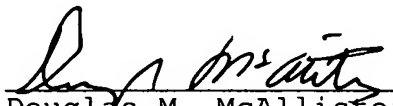
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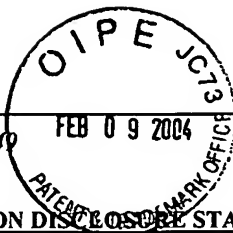
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